

Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

Aerobic Bacterial Culture (Version 1)

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| Specimen Type | Collection Time | Collection Frequency | Collection Procedures | Transport Media | Shipping & Handling (S&H)** |
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| Clinical Specimens | NA | NA | Follow your lab protocol | <p>Please use appropriate transport media for your:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific source of specimen/site of collection, and • Organism that you want to rule out. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport device: As appropriate. • Rejection Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inappropriate transport media. ○ Expired transport media. ○ Non-viable specimen. ○ Broken transport device. ○ Leaking specimen. • Transport: Ship ASAP on ice packs. Ship as Category B. • Storage: Store at 2 – 4°C. |

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General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)

- Failure to follow specific S&H requirements.

NOTE:

Specimens will not be processed until ALL of the following information are provided on requisition form:

- Patient name, patient's county of residence, and second identifier.
- Two matching identifiers on both the tube and the laboratory requisition form.
- Specimen type, date of collection, and test requested.
- Submitter name, address, and telephone/FAX numbers.
- Reason for testing at WAPHL.

Collection kit availability

Not available

Comments

- Please call Special Bacteriology at 206-418-5452 if you have any questions.